

Here is the footage of

“Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts”

which was held on 30 October 2019

by the Hong Kong Housing Authority

Now is the second Questions and Answers Session

I am Mr Lam

For the Preliminary DCMP-F787 Report mentioned, is it said that

incidents and accidents have to be reported within 24 hours?

System Display and Contract Requirements mention “the following day”

There will be amendments in the near future

It is agreed with HKCA

that reporting can be done within 24 hours

We are doing exactly that

We do have concern about this. Please reconsider

Reply has not yet been received from Housing Department (HD)

Not replied yet? I checked email yesterday

Representatives of HKCA said it can be done within 24 hours

I had a meeting in HKCA the other day to discuss this issue

Colleagues in the industry were waiting for the reply of HD

You want to confirm this? Yes, I can

I am not sure. Will you reply if our suggestion is acceptable?

You say we are pursuing in this way

Understood. Perhaps we have not yet confirmed

Previously we intended to shorten the reporting time

Can it be done within the same day?

We have already explained the difficulty

Apparently you do not think it is difficult

Basically it would be fine

We see from different angles of perspective

We think it is possible to do this within 24 hours

At the working level, 24 hours are acceptable

But we will discuss further internally
whether there any other views from members of HKCA or not
I am clear. No more problem. Thank you
I would like to ask
there are many new requirements in HASAS version 1.6
that are not in the original contracts
Would that affect the score?
For ongoing contracts, parts of Version 1.6 are inapplicable
unless it is specifically instructed by the Contract Manager
For new contracts
most of Version 1.6 are already incorporated
That means these are contract requirements
In respect of the impact, it depends on whether
it is a building construction project or a foundation project
Some requirements apply to building construction
while others to foundation
After our preliminary review, for a foundation project
if all new requirements are unachievable or not followed
or some requirements are for the time being unachievable
Impact on part A is around 2.7 points and
impact on Part B is around 2 or 2.1 points
This is the extent of the impact for foundation contract
As for building construction
impact on Part A is 1.6-1.7 points
impact on Part B is about 4.6 points
I believe that not all items are unachievable
These are compiled with our collective efforts
Many items are achievable. We saw some examples just now
Many contractors are studying them
Many are working on them and are quite successful
I would like to enquire about the accident reporting system

We have uploaded the related documents
and received the signature of the Contract Manager (CM)
But it shows that submission is outstanding. Why? Thanks
As we are using both the printed and digital versions
I guess the digital version workflow has not yet been finished
After the contractor has uploaded the files, the print version
the digital version can be printed for architects
engineers, and others, eventually for signing by CM
But the digital version may still remain with the submitter
What if the site agent or other site colleagues
have not completed the submission?
What if the Contract Manager has not signed? This is worth attention
It has to be processed in both ways
Only then will the system acknowledge completion
If the digital version is not completed
the system will consider submission incomplete
Then you will be reminded continuously
Excuse me. I have a question for OSHC about SSIP
There is a rumour that SSIP will arrange or be arranged
to attend meetings of SSEMC
There are a few questions here
First, what are the role and position of SSIP at the meeting?
Second, is there a scoring system?
We are not too sure about SSEMC that you just mentioned
Some new measures can be stated and clarified here
We have researched for ways to boost safety measures
In 2018, we took a rather general approach with OSHC
both safety audit and surprise safety inspection were reviewed
For example, version 1.5 of SSIP had just been rolled out
Also, for sites, we know that
workers need to be more aware of the importance of safety

Area supervision also need to be enhanced

Therefore, from the 4th quarter, SSIP inspectors will visit sites

If they observe unsafe behaviours, they will take photos

They will advise the contractors at the closing meeting

“This worker was standing on a plank when working.”

“What is the information about this worker?”

Perhaps a statement about “the worker’s registered data”

and the area foreman’s assessment of the worker

Contractors and our site staff have to follow up

Are the same mistakes repeated?

Any need to boost safety awareness and training?

Is the supervision of the foreman rather lax?

Worker management might need to be improved

I hope no one will take safety for granted

Let us do a little bit more

I hope the workers may feel some responsibility and pressure

Workers at the source would have to do a little bit more

Let us aim at zero incident and zero accident

Understood

SSEMC is Site Safety and Environmental Management Committee

An internal safety committee of contractors

OSHC’s SSIP inspectors will play a role in this committee

Henry will elaborate on the responsibility of area supervisors

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At the closing meetings, we will share study photos taken

and find the names and registration details of supervisors and workers

and put them in the record

The information will be kept in the SSIP report

For what?

So that contractors and site staff can follow up

and look for foremen and workers involved

for educating and questioning them, or understanding their pressures that have driven them to underperform

This is what we are promoting and publicising

We are drafting the form now

The idea was hatched in October when SSIP was in force

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Full enforcement should be in the 1st quarter next year

And actually inspectors have been publicizing at sites already when carrying out inspections

This applies to inspections carried out by Labour Department (LD) too

After inspection, the inspector from LD will produce a letter report so called Part 1 and Part 2

What is in them?

There will be no findings unless he may charge the contractor

So, contractors' cooperation is necessary

What have these inspectors found?

I know the accompanying safety officer will take photos

If the Labour Department takes photos

safety officers would also take photos

Problems identified by the inspector

be it insufficient fencing or workers not wearing helmets

The information will be handed over to site colleagues to facilitate follow-up work

Safety auditors will follow up and SSIP inspectors will be aware

These will be the focuses in the next safety audit

Thank you

It just came to mind how to strengthen cooperation with OSHC

Every month, we pass to OSHC information we have in hand

Safety auditors will grasp the latest information

for example, any suspension notice received by the site?

Any improvement notice? Any improvement report?

The latest accident rate? Any dangerous occurrence?

Any near miss incident?

Information of this sort of each project will be passed to OSHC

OSHC will pass it to frontline safety auditors

When the auditor visits a site,

he has got an idea of the site safety in the previous quarter

He will be able to master the safety performance there

That will be of great help to his audit work

We hope to work hand in hand with OSHC

and give reminders of recent happenings

The whole process of what exactly happened

site colleagues must follow through all the way

Thank you

Excuse me. I have another question

About the special administrative measure in the SSIP mentioned by Mr. Cheung

it is hoped that the frontline management personnel

would stress the worker's behaviour within an area

In case deficiencies are found about the management

Will the management procedure be on trial

or adopted in future?

For the responsibility of this person on Housing Department site

Will it cause any negative impact?

Will it be better to consult the contractor associations on this?

We do not intend to form a data base or a black list

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or ask OSHC for processing or editing such information

and pass it to us

Henry just mentioned that there would be a full report

but we, Safety & Health Unit, as a central team

Normally, we do not get a complete report

We get highlights in the reports of projects only

Some important scores and items

total scores of the 5 activities etc

It is only when we request for a comprehensive report
that we will get the details

Basically, we only get a summary to see the total score

How many workers are marked by inspectors in that month?

who is the area foreman?

We have no idea of these and we will not ask for such data

We will not know, and will not build a data base or black list

and we will not circulate the information to all colleagues

OSHC inspectors do have the right to observe and record

This is for the benefit of the project and will help contractors

That is extra work

Besides photos, Housing Department will ask extra questions

This increases the workload and burden

But they are willing to take up the work

and we will give them full support

I believe contractors also expect to complete work safely

Do not just say zero accident, zero incident

If a worker knows that others care about his work behaviours

he will pay more attention to safety at work

He will be on the alert even when no one is around

He will work with his heart. Let us work towards this goal

Thank you for watching